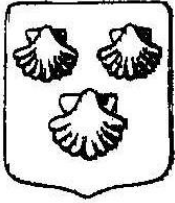
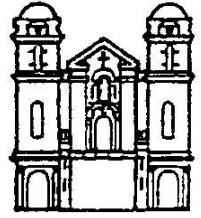


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**13 DECEMBER 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Prayer for the Week**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Our Prayers are asked for:**

**Baptised Today**

Oliver John Hunt

**All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week**

David Muddimer : Conceição Fernandes  
and all those currently unable to attend services.

**Unwell**

Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green : Margaret Norman :

Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

**Recovering**

Barbara Penrose

# Welcome to St James the Greater

Whilst it's wonderful news that we are now fully reopened worship, with Leicester now being placed in Tier 3, it does mean that additional regulations now apply. One of these is that we're unable to interact with anyone outside our household or support bubble. Regrettably and disappointingly, this means that we have to ask you to leave as soon as the service has finished and not to catch-up with one another outside the church.

There is no Offertory at present. To allow you to make your offering, collection bowls can be found on the tables at the back of church.

If you are able, please wear a face covering throughout the service – visors are not a legal face covering. If you have forgotten yours, please speak to a churchwarden.

Please remember to check-in to church when you enter using either our QR code or by completing the Track and Trace contact details slip that you will find with your leaflet and place it in the boxes as you leave church.

If you would like to have the leaflet emailed to you each Friday so you can print it or view it online, please contact the Church Office to be added to our mailing list.

**Please take this leaflet away with you at the end of the service.**

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## The Vicar Writes ...

Once again, we join John the Baptist in the wilderness, receiving a curious delegation of the religious authorities from Jerusalem.

Their willingness to trek out into the wilds, far from the temple and comfort, shows the importance of John. But it also reminds me of how throughout the story of Jesus, the action of God is relocated from palaces and cities to fields and mountains, gardens and seashores, humble homes and dusty streets, even to a stable.

For those of us still unable to enter church buildings, that may be a comforting thought.

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**10:30**

## **Sung Eucharist and Christening**

You'll find the service books for this morning's Eucharist and Christening laid out on the seats in church. Please place the books in the boxes that you'll find as you leave church at the end the service.

### **The Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent**

**Isaiah 61. 1 – 4, 8 – 11**

**Read by Angela Finn**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**John 1. 6 – 8, 19 – 28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they

said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptising if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
    in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Forthcoming Services**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December:	Said Eucharist	10:30am
	Nine Lessons and Carols	4:00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December:	Christmas Morning Sung Eucharist	10:30am
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December:	Said Eucharist	10:30am

**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS** We currently have 20 spaces remaining for this service. So, if you'd like to attend this special service, but haven't yet let us know, please email: [office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk](mailto:office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk) and let us know how many seats you need. Alternatively, you can ring the Office on: 0116 254 2111 and leave a message saying how many seats you need.

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**ADVENT CAROLS** Our thanks go out to Matt, Mike and everyone in the choir for their efforts in putting together last Sunday's Advent Carol Service under, what can only be described as, challenging conditions this year. Also, a massive thank you to Shelia Roberts for stepping in at the last minute to lead the service. If you were unable to be with us last week, or were there and would like relive the performance, you can view it on our YouTube channel by clicking **here**.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Emma-Jane and James Hunt as their son Oliver is baptised today. We know that you've been waiting a very long time for Oliver to take his first steps on his Christian life and our prayers and thoughts are with you all today.

**ZOOM/HOUSE GROUPS** I hope everyone has now had a chance to read the article in The Shell 'To Zoom or not to Zoom...?' If you would simply like to know more please come along to a post-Christmas Zoom meeting that I'm hosting on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m. For details on how to attend please either email me at: **A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk**, or if you don't have access to the internet leave a message on the office phone (0116 254 2111) by 19<sup>th</sup> December. Just leave your name and phone number and I will get back to you. Don't forget - you don't need a computer to join a Zoom call, you can just a phone. **All the best, Angela Jagger**

**BIBLE STUDY** Our last online Bible discussion of the year will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of December, where we'll conclude our discussion of Advent. If you'd like to join the Zoom session, please email the vicar at: **revdaquigley@gmail.com** or call him on: 0116 254 4113.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** These have now been be posted out. However, there are a small number remaining at the back of church for you to collect when attending services this month.

**YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES** Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

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# Resources for Home Worship

## Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Mon-Fri at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wed at 3.30pm & Sun at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sun at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sun – check schedule for time	BBC I

## Online

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

[www.leicestercathedral.org](http://www.leicestercathedral.org)

**DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and \* gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction.

It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

**Vicky Roe**

**Pastoral Assistant**

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